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## TERMS OF ADVERTISING.

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## LOS ANGELES TEMPERATURE.

Following is the temperature for the week ending December 24th, 1874, as taken from Cassella's Register Thermometer, by THOMAS BROWN, the Lodge, Green Meadows, Los Angeles:

DAYS.	DATE.	max.	min.	mean.	9 a.m.
Friday,	Dec. 19th.	67.	25.	46.	29.82
Saturday,	" 20th.	67.	25.	46.	29.82
Sunday,	" 21st.	67.	25.	46.	29.82
Monday,	" 22nd.	67.	25.	46.	29.82
Tuesday,	" 23rd.	67.	25.	46.	29.82
Wednesday,	" 24th.	67.	25.	46.	29.82
Thursday,	" 25th.	67.	25.	46.	29.82

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

No paper to-morrow morning.

The District Court adjourned yesterday until Monday, January 25th, 1875.

The Ventura will leave Wilmington for San Francisco Sunday morning.

The Ancon sails from Wilmington for Panama to-morrow.

The roof is being constructed on the Postoffice building.

Railroad connection with Anaheim to-morrow.

Lots of country cousins were in the city yesterday.

Little Mac's minstrels at Merced Theater this afternoon and to-night.

The reported killing at Panamint lacks confirmation.

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s office will be open this morning from 8 to 10 A. M.

The members of the M. E. Church South have a Christmas re-union at Leck's Hall to-night.

Clarice, infant daughter of Rev. Mr. Mason and wife, died at Los Nietos a few days ago.

Mayor Beaudry has purchased forty six lots on the Johnson tract, Alameda street, for \$4,000.

The Christmas festival of the Presbyterians comes off to-night at Temper Hall.

Federal, State, county and city officials will not be found at their offices to-day.

Frank Bacon and Miss Mary Cooper were made one at San Gabriel last night.

Streets crowded last night and business exceedingly active in all departments of trade.

One thousand, five hundred and eighty sacks of corn were shipped from Downey yesterday.

Mr. Cupas, next to the Pico House, has everything in the toy line for sale cheap. His stock is very large.

The Ventura arrived from San Francisco yesterday with 580 tons of freight and 100 passengers.

The bark Harrison and schooner Jora, with lumber for J. G. Jackson, arrived yesterday.

Shall the depot be removed or remain where it is?—The question waxed hotter day by day.

The Public Library will be closed this day and evening. Cause, Christmas.

The Orizaba will arrive from San Francisco this morning and sail for San Diego. Passengers for that port will leave here at 10 A. M.

The Fort street Methodists had a delightful festival last night. The children received substantial tokens that the "joyous season" is at hand.

A physician from Albany, N. Y., died last night at the Pico House, of consumption. He was too far gone to receive any benefit from this semi-trivial climate.

La Cronica of yesterday is wrathful over the condition of the railroad track on upper Main street, denouncing it as a public nuisance, and urging the City Council to have the same abated.

Prepare for the grand New Year's ball to be given by the Turn-Vereins at their Hall, on New Year's eve. Among the attractions will be a large Christmas Tree and New Year's gifts. Tickets for gentlemen and ladies \$2.00.

The Board of Supervisors met yesterday. After allowing the bills of Hayes & Polhemus and Wm. Bare, for work on bridges, they adjourned until the first Monday in January.

The quicksilver discoveries in the mountains to the north and west of San Fernando are causing great excitement. Many new discoveries, exceedingly rich, are reported.

Mrs. Lamasney has opened a dress-making establishment up stairs in the White House, corner Commercial and Los Angeles streets. We recommend her to all who desire cutting, fitting and making in the best style of the art.

B. H. Twombly, of Leavenworth, Kansas, recently of Colorado Springs, Colorado, an old editor of the Mission valley and an able writer on economic geology, is in this city, with the intention of making his home here. He will report upon the geology of the county, and especially its economic geology—with reference to coal, minerals, etc.

Christmas services will be held in the Episcopal Church this morning at half past ten o'clock. The Rev. Wm. H. Hill will preach a sermon appropriate to the day, and good music by the very efficient choir may be expected. The church has been beautifully decorated with evergreens and mottoes. Seats free, and all, particularly visitors to the city, are cordially invited to attend.

Detective Officer Emil Harris has just recovered a valuable watch, lost some six weeks ago by Mr. R. M. Town, who resides near the city. A twelve-year-old boy found it and hid it at the instigation of his parents, he says. Harris gave the equivocal youngster such a lecture that at last he acknowledged the corn and gave up the watch. The man paid the dishonest lad \$10—much to the detective's disgust.

## THE MISTLETOE IN AMERICA.

"Under the mistletoe bough!" Not in the far-away British Isles, but here, in the West, it is glittering now—An exile from home of the thousand miles! And the leaves are as darkly fresh and green As they were on the mistletoe boughs of old. As they show to-night, in so many a scene In Old England's halls of light.

Quiet it hangs on the wall Of the parlor where the chandelier, As if never a mischief or harm could fall From its modest intrusion, there or here! And yet, how many a pulse it has fired, How many a lip made nervously bold, When youthful revel was untired, In the Christmas days of old!

The lover's heart might be low, And the love of his lady very high, Or the riddle to read of the haughty eye; But, under the mistletoe fairly caught, What sudden kisses or prides could dare To turn from the kisses, as sudden as thought And ardent as waiting prayer?

"So to pretend to put out one's eyes, And, one kiss given, more follow, as fruit, As the poet could only understand; And then, of the old to come; who knows, Save the village bells and the welcome priest And the sister-maidens, with cheeks like fire, Who assist at the bridal feast?" (rose, Melinks, if the shamrock green To the mistletoe-berry's silver spear (part; England's love has been growing no minor And greatly its stiffest leaves have twined Round many a tenderest bridegroom, Shrouding his kisses, as the mistletoe shrines In the joy of the "Old Oak Chest."

What matter if centuries long Have hidden a part of the mystery? deep That lay in the Druid's revealing song, When it glistered in Stonehenge's mighty heart? For when it still remains to make sure the truth That they loved the great Deafening God, And they saw from his joints springing Eads-Eads Youth That the force of the Ages withstood.

Little spring from the mother land! It is easy and pleasant to have you here, When the festive and lonely waiting stand On the verge of the yearling Christmas cheer. Though we cannot transplant your pride of growth Any more than the Hawthorne—wayward You can give us, still, the Old English froth And a thought of Old English Joy.

Hal! what? To the leaves grow dim? By the white waxen berries wither and fleet, E'en were the notes of the Christmas hymn Front of the hush of the silent street? But even if so, may kind Heaven forbid That the ones shall fade from heart or brow, Or that truth to love, that truth to love, Ever typed by the mistletoe bough!

—From The Aldine for December.

## MY CHRISTMAS REVENGE.

I do not think there is any need of my explaining how it happened, that I, who when born had expectations of quite a fair fortune, should have found myself, at the age of twenty, with only a few shillings in my pocket, and a debt of honor to my father's creditors.

It was, and in one of the large sewing-machine emporiums (no matter which one) of a leading American city, I held a position as teacher for several years. My duties were very monotonous, but I used to extract a considerable amount of interest and amusement, while engaged in giving instruction, from learning the histories—and they were very varied—of my scholars. If the provincial cut of ten under the female tongue, I found that a lesson on the machine, an initiation into the mysteries of setting a needle, winding a bobbin, and regulating a tension were even more conducive to communication, do not wish to appear egotistical; but I must confess to quite a power which I seemed to possess of gaining the confidence of my pupils, through my habit of taking an interest in them; also that I was very fond of an "under true tale;" perhaps some malicious critic would call my propensity by no higher name than female curiosity.

Even now, though time has brought its changes to me, and I no longer haunt the old familiar places, I often find myself recalling one and another among the many romances and stories in which I figured as an interested and sympathetic listener, and occasionally an unsuspected actor.

The present recollection always comes back to me at the Christmas time; and therefore when the season rolls around again, with its merriment and cheer, its mistletoe and holly, its written and unwritten tragedies and comedies of life, I feel like recounting it to others.

The position of instructress brought me almost entirely in contact with my own sex. Sometimes I had a male pupil—one of a mildly mechanical turn, who would wish to become familiar with the machine, so as to be able to assist some of his friends; but the instruction room, as a rule, was usually quite free from frequent visits of the sterner sex.

During the Fall of a special year I became conscious, however, that a certain Mr. Harry Lee, a gentleman whom I knew to be an intimate acquaintance of one of my employers, and whose face was quite well known to all in the establishment, began to occasionally drop into my department and look on during my instruction hours. He was very pleasant and gentlemanly in his manners, and gave an excuse for the interest he took, that he was a born Yankee and therefore very fond of inventions.

Although there were other teachers, I discovered that he lingered most frequently in my vicinity, and seemed more interested in my conversation than that of my companions. I was young at the time, and no doubt had the usual desire of my sex to please. I felt flattered, perhaps, at his respectful attention, and took particular pains to make my observations on "what I knew about sewing-machines" upon him, and he, in return, made the additional apology for possible intrusion, that he was very much at his leisure, and sometimes thought of connecting himself with the business. I must admit that I was quite interested in him, and felt pleased when sometimes he would bring me some favorite book about which we had conversed and exchanged views, or ask my opinion on some magazine article that he was engrossing with at the moment. I had never given a thought to his relations in life—whether he was married or single; he had simply been to me a pleasant episode among my daily labors; and the flash of his blue eyes and his frank smile, when saluting me, I at first considered as merely among the other usual incidents of my daily life.

It was during a somewhat extended conversation, one day, some weeks after our first acquaintance, that the thought flashed across my mind that he had seen trouble and was unhappy in connection with his affections. His opinions of the female sex, discovered upon probing him a little, were not very enthusiastic or rose-colored. Sometimes, when speaking of marriage and its relations, I thought his remarks rather cynical and bitter; and once he criticised some of my young and fashionable pupils very severely, seeming to have a very poor

opinion of them as to their usefulness as probable wives and mothers. I naturally always defended my sex; and once when he slightly sneered at my belief that if I ever should see the woman destined to be his wife, it would not be one of those same pretty, useless, fashionable creatures, against whom he railed so bitterly, I look upon that as one of the pleasantest moments of my life, that set me to thinking that I had touched a sore spot in his experience.

We became very good friends, eventually; indeed, I am afraid that should I confess to the truth, we indulged a little in the most delicate and pleasant flirtation. I know that I was always pleased to see him; and I am sure that he often lingered beside me in a manner savoring a little of devotion. Still this was only on the surface, and I never allowed myself to entertain a melancholy that often possessed him that there was some secret connected with his domestic life, of an unhappy character.

At last, from a casual remark of one of my employers, I discovered the "skeleton of his closet." He was a married man, but separated from his wife. I think that I felt a little pained at the information; and I certainly could not help wondering how it came that he never next I met him. He saw the change, and asked with his eyes for an explanation, though not with his tongue. Had he taken the latter liberty, it is very possible that I might have told him, and he would have been very much surprised. As it was, a few hours' thoroughly earned me; showed me something of the imprudence of which I had been guilty, in making so close an intimacy with a man about whom I knew literally nothing; and roused all the woman within me, in pride and a dim suspicion of revenge.

That revenge was much nearer than I could possibly have dreamed of, unlike most revenges, no sorrow is entailed by the recollection. But of that anon. Following the discovery, the first thing I did was to enlarge it by ascertaining particulars—how, in a matter of no consequence in connection with this story. What I additionally discovered, however, is of consequence.

He had married a pitted, wayward, beautiful girl, half the child of wealthy parents, who had by injudicious management fostered every weakness of her character. He had formed her acquaintance, and married her after a short courtship, while on a visit to her, native town, and after a few months removed to the city where he now made his residence. He had brought her home to the house of his mother, who, with his sister, was of the English type. They were thoroughly practical women, notable house-keepers, slightly Puritanical in their beliefs, and holding very little sympathy with youth and inexperience. The young wife was, in every respect, a discipline of any kind, careless, ignorant of any habits of industry, but warm-hearted and affectionate. No doubt a very troublesome relative to the staid, methodical women with whom she took up her residence.

Unfortunately for the wife, also, her husband had been taught to look up to his mother and sister as the best of women, and had fondly fancied that when his new wife came next to her control all those little weaknesses, of which he had soon become aware after marriage, would be cured by their example and advice. But his sanguine hopes were doomed to early disappointment. Instead of becoming more docile and yielding, she became more willful and intractable, rebelled with a high spirit against any rule, and looked upon her mother-in-law as a companion with whom to enjoy the amusements of fashionable society, than as a helpmate and friend with whom to pass through the trials and cares of life. Still she had a kind heart and warm affections, and had more love and sympathy been exhibited in connection with efforts to change her habits, and less cold, severe exactions shown on the part of her relatives, the relative peace of the household would have been better for all. At last the usual result followed. Quarrels became of frequent occurrence; estrangement grew up between husband and wife; and it was only a year after their marriage that they were separated, one day, after a passionate outbreak and most unhappy scene with her husband, left his home and returned to that of her parents. Here she was not only received with open arms, but condescended and sympathized with in her great injury—a divorce proposed, and all enance of reconciliation destroyed.

Such was the painful story, as I gathered the particulars—a rare one in the world, I am afraid, and yet sad enough as embodying the wreck of two lives. Perhaps a knowledge of the whole softened my pride toward Mr. Lee a trifle, though it by no means cured my wounded self-respect or put me more at ease with myself. What more acquaintance might have followed is uncertain; perhaps none whatever, under the changed conditions; nor have I the least idea how my revenge would have been accomplished, had I not been favored by new and unexpected circumstances.

It was in the month of December that one very odd and blustering morning a lady was ushered into the instruction-room by one of the salesmen. She was a young and remarkably pretty woman, as I discovered at the first glance, and dressed very becomingly in the prevailing mode. The usual remarks were made, and she was told that she was not qualified to take a lesson. She was a young and remarkably pretty woman, as I discovered at the first glance, and dressed very becomingly in the prevailing mode. The usual remarks were made, and she was told that she was not qualified to take a lesson.

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such labor instead. She hoped I would not laugh at some of her no doubt trifling and silly questions, as she had never even made a garment of any kind in her life—not even a little bonnet for her baby! Laughed good-naturedly; I could not help it; and told her that she took too severe a view of her deficiencies—that there were plenty of other ladies just like her, but she said, smiling a little mournfully in return, that if I knew how bitterly she had lately begun to understand what an uneducated woman in useful matters she was, and how inconvenient she had found the position, I would not wonder at her desire to do better.

The first lesson was succeeded by others, for several days following, during which I learned that she had been married between two and three years; that she had always before her marriage led a gay and luxurious existence, perhaps because she had never known of any other, her parents being fashionable butleries; that she had passed through a great sorrow, been very ill, and her husband was now just beginning to appreciate some of the realities of life. She confessed that it was when recovering from a sick-bed and among the new acquaintances that she came with the birth of her babe, that she had awakened to the truth and listened to the promptings, always before ignored, of her more practical nature. That it was through the advice of a kind friend who told her that she was not so much a victim of her own weakness, as she had been, that she had purchased a sewing-machine, the friend believing that it would be a good beginning in her efforts to do something useful.

All this was new to her, and she did not tell me in so many words, but it was the substance of what I gathered by degrees. I was very much interested (as usual); and one day, as she was leaving, casually remarked that her husband was, no doubt, pleased at her progress in mastering the mystery. Then I heard what I had almost before suspected, and with tears filling her eyes, she said that she had no husband, in one sense—that she had separated from him—that it was her own fault—an act done by her in hot anger and rage, but now bitterly repented. She indicated that there were others to blame, but she did not extend herself, and said that she had spent the night previous to the day on which she had taken her first lesson in great grief from learning that he was very soon to sail for Europe, and the thought that they would then be utterly separated, and that she would have driven her to distraction.

I felt very sorry—never more so for any human being; her repentance was so sincere and her sorrow so deep, that I could not help but sympathize with her. A disapproving look had been creeping through my mind during this last relation that I had heard a story something akin to this before, and as she was about leaving I reminded her that although we were well acquainted, I never before had done anything to get her name. Apologizing for her reticence, she handed me a card as she left the room. I will not say that I was very much surprised, for I had half guessed the truth by intuition, when I read on the card, "I held in my hand, 'Mrs. Grace Lee.'"

Yes! it was Harry Lee's wife who had been my pupil! A great many strange feelings were at work within me, but I tried to keep the next ten minutes to myself. I had not seen Mr. Lee for some time; he had avoided the instruction-room—a course of conduct for which I had been thankful. I had heard nothing of him since, and I had not seen him for some time. I had not seen him for some time; he had avoided the instruction-room—a course of conduct for which I had been thankful. I had heard nothing of him since, and I had not seen him for some time.

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Hawkins, M. — Lots 15 ds; Saddle 20 ds; 1 half-bred horse 40 ds; Furniture 100 ds; Consigned goods 300 ds; Solvent debts secured by Mortgage 330 ds; due 9 05.

Hawley, N. S. — Lots 10 ds; Saddle 30 ds; 1 mixed Cow 30 ds; 1 Watch 10 ds; (Washington Street Los Angeles City) 1 23

Hancock, Henry—Law Library 150 ds, 2 08 ds

Hancock, John—Lot 100x68 feet between 3rd and 4th Streets, Los Angeles City, value 900 ds; 5 75 ds.

Hart, M. D. F. — One Wagon 50 ds; 2 Spanish Horses 80 ds; 3 28.

Harvey, Mary R. — 4-acre tract, Los Angeles City, bounded north by Washington Street, east by Clifford, west by Mrs. Martin, value 800 ds; 8 57 ds.

Hart, J. — Lots 10 ds; Fixture and Tools in Watchmaker Shop, 200 ds; 2 68 ds.

Hawkins, M. — 5 Wagons 300 ds; Harness 200 ds; 1000 lbs. of Flour 200 ds; 25 Mules 1080 ds; one Watch 10 ds; 16 25.

Hawley, — 11 acres in Los Angeles City, being lots 8 and 9 Nicholas Tract, value 440 ds; 10 00 ds.

Haynes, Wm. A. — Lots 6 and 7 blk II, Murat tract Los Angeles City, value 50 ds; 1 00 ds.

Hazard, Geo. W. — East 70 feet of lot 10, blk B, Ord's survey, Los Angeles City, fronting on 1st Street, Los Angeles City, value 100 ds; value 350 ds; Impts 40 ds. 4 00 ds.

Heath, Saml. — Lots 7 and 8, blk 3, Mott tract, Los Angeles City, each 50x150 feet, value 100 ds; 1 00 ds.

Hazard, H. T. — North 1/4 of lot 3, blk I, Ord's survey Los Angeles City, val 900 ds; Impts 100 ds; 1 00 ds.

Hawley, N. S. — Lots 10 ds; Saddle 12 ds; Impts 50 ds; 1 Watch 10 ds; Furniture 500 ds; 10 20 ds; 1 Firearms 5 ds; Solvent debts secured by mortgage 330 ds; 9 05 ds.

Hendon, Chas. — Furniture 75 ds; 1 29.

Hewitt, Joshua — One Carriage 50 ds; 2 Bachelors 400 ds Hacks 1200 ds; Harness 300 ds; 10 00 ds.

Hickman & Sibney, — Merchandise Liquors 60 ds; 2 60 ds.

Hill, H. — 12-acre tract east side of Main Street, Los Angeles City, bounded north by Smith, east by Garey, south by Adam Street, south by Hill, west by Main Street, value 1000 ds; 10 00 ds.

Hill, Dr. See Ton. — Drugs 150 ds; Furniture and Fixtures 25 ds; south east corner of Main and 4th streets, Los Angeles City, value 100 ds; 1 00 ds.

Holmes, W. C. — Lot 2 blk A Johnson tract 40x125 feet south side 1st Street, Los Angeles City, value 150 ds; Impts 150 ds; Wagon 50 ds; 5 70 ds.

Hop, Bug. — Restaurant 100 ds; (No 7 east side of Main Street, Los Angeles City) 1 00 ds.

Howard V. E. — Law Library 800 ds; Office Furniture 50 ds; 9 42 ds.

Hubbard, S. C. — One Wagon 75 ds; Harness 15 ds; Saddle 12 ds; 1 half-bred horse 50 ds; 1 Spanish Horse 20 ds; Fixtures 80 ds; 10 ds; 6 Commercial Street, 2 41 ds.

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